Subject No. 105.

Opening of Science and Mathematics Classes in the Maharaja's and the Maharani's Colleges.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya and S. Venkatesaiya, Mysore University.

Messrs M. Venkatakrishnaiya and S. Venkatesaiya.—A Science section may be opened both in the Maharaja's College and in the Maharani's College at Mysore as also Mathematics in the Maharaja's College. These may not involve any unnecessary expenditure to Government since, even if students are asked to go to Bangalore, additional accommodation and apparatus etc., will have to be provided. The suggestion may therefore be given effect to early.

First Member of Council.—Science section cannot be opened at Mysore owing to prohibitive cost. If a sufficient number of ladies take up Science in the Maharani's College, a section will be opened. Otherwise, they might go to Bangalore when liberal scholarships will be offered.

Subject No. 106.

Grants to private hostels.

Messrs. B. Kesaviah, T. B. Mallegowda, Chikmagalur Taluk and S. Venkatesaiya Mysore University.

Mr. Kesavaiya.—There are hostels in all places where High Schools have been opened and in respect of all these hostels, Government are meeting the establishment charges, whether these institutions be Government or private. These grants by Government go a long way in reducing the expenditure to be met by students. But we understand that it is now under contemplation to stop the maintenance grants to hostels; if so, the expenditure that will have to be incurred by students will greatly increase and eventually students may have to leave hostels and board in hotels etc. thus frustrating the benign object of Government. We therefore request that Government may be pleased to continue these grants instead of withholding them.

Mr. S. Venkatesaiya.—The policy of withholding grants to these hostels is not a sound one. The result of the proposed step will be that many parents who cannot afford to pay the increased cost of hostel life will be obliged to withdraw their sons from hostels. It has come to our knowledge that many hostels have been closed since these changes were contemplated.

Third Member of Council.—We have only withdrawn the pay of the cooks and menial servants. This is not much.

Mr. M. Venkatesaiya.—Though this is not much from the point of view of Government, to students this is certainly too much when not only you withdraw these but also ask them to pay room rent. And all this goes to the Educational Supervisor. You must therefore take into consideration whether there are more hostels now than before or less. This will prove facts.

Inspector-General of Education.—Will the member be satisfied if I prove that there are more students in hostels than ever before ?

Mr. Venkatesaiya.—I wouldn't be satisfied for the reason that you include private hostels also when number of students is to be considered. If details are given to the effect that in Government hostels alone, there are more students than before, I will certainly be satisfied.

Inspector-General of Education.—I will furnish details if an interpellation is put in by the member at the next session of the Assembly.

First Member of Council.—This is mainly a question of policy. The intention of Government is to frame rules which will encourage private hostels as much as possible. But it is essential that these must be treated on the same principle as Government hostels are treated. If you can make out that these rules are prejudicial to the object of Government being fulfilled, we shall certainly modify them. Our information and statistics go to show that the rules are working very satisfactorily. If certain hostels have five cooks and desire that they should be paid by Government, Government can certainly not do so. And it must be said that establishment and boarding charges including rent should be divided among the boarders. Granting this principle, if you still say that the revised rules are not working satisfactorily and discourage hostels, we shall enquire and see how the new rules prejudice their interests.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—I beg permission to say a few words relating to aided hostels. Out of grants to aided hostels, three-fourths go to an officer of Government. To take an example, Government were paying a sum of Rs. 30 towards the maintenance charges of the hostel attached to the Central Mahommedan Association at Bangalore. These charges were coming to Rs. 80 and with the help of the grant, the organizers of the hostel had to spend only Rs. 50. This was the case for the last 12 years. Now the grant has practically been reduced to Rs. 10, since out of the grant we are compelled to pay Rs. 20 to the 'Educational Supervisor.' With this little help, how is the hostel to continue ? And the Educational Supervisor himself attends the hostel for half-an-hour every day and does nothing. The rules therefore require modification and the Supervisor should be paid by Government.

Further, the Educational Supervisor himself is unnecessary. We do not know what his duties are. The Central Mahommedan Association has two teachers who are practically attending to duties that are specified by the Department to the Educational Supervisor. These are one Moulvi and another English-knowing teacher. And any officer of Government is therefore unnecessary and we should not be compelled to pay him from out of the grants that Government are giving us. And the rules recently issued should refer to grants since sanctioned and can have no reference to those sanctioned long before.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—May I state, Sir, that attached to the Lingayet Education Fund Association, we have a Students' Home for which Government are giving a grant of Rs. 40 ? The former accommodation being insufficient, we have rented two more buildings and pay a rent of Rs. 70. Out of the Government grant of Rs. 40, we are compelled to pay one-half to the Educational Supervisor. There is a committee of management in our Students' Home also and they exercise enough supervision over the inmates. As such, no officer of Government is necessary whose pay must be deducted from the Government grant.

First Member of Council.—Both the cases referred to are quite parallel to each other and deserve consideration. Necessary enquiries will be ordered in the matter. As regards the irregularities on the part of the Educational Supervisors, the concerned hostel committees should report to the Inspector-General of Education who will make proper arrangements.

Inspector-General of Education.—My friends here do not seem to attach the slightest importance to educational supervision which is so very necessary. I would be glad if members represented that the grants they are now getting are not adequate and that an enhancement thereof is necessary.

Mr. Venkatesaiya.—We want Government to bear the supervision charges. Grants must be given without reference to the Educational Supervisors' pay.

First Member of Council.—A statement will be called for as to the application of the present grants.

SUBJECT No 107.

Providing suitable sites for the construction of private hostels.

Messrs. S. Krishnaswami Rao and Linge Gowda, Mysore Taluk.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao.—Government have been pleased to promise that they would bear one half of the cost of construction of private hostels for the accommodation of students. This concession offered by Government will be open for 18 months only. Many people are ready to avail themselves of this concession